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OFFICERS AND CONVENORS, DOMINION GRANGE, 1920

Elected 45th Annual Session, Toronto

Worthy Master—J. C. DIXON, Moorefield, Ont.
Worthy Overseer—W. F. W. FISHER, Burlington, Ont.
Secretary-Treasurer—MISS HATTIE ROBINSON, St. Thomas, R. R. 1, Ont.
Assistant Secretary Treasurer—HOWARD BERTRAM, Midhurst, Ont.
Worthy Chaplain—WM. McCRAE, Guelph, R. R. 7, Ont.
Worthy Lecturer—J. G. LETHBRIDGE, M.L.A., Glencoe, Ont.
Worthy Steward—J. E. ORCHARD, Minesing, Ont.
Worthy Assistant Steward—ROBT. T. DONALDSON, Gorrie, R. R. 1, Ont.
Worthy Gatekeeper—CHARLES A. BARNETT, Highwater, Quebec.
Ceres—MRS. WILLIAM OKE, Whitby, Ont.
Pomona—MISS MARY MURDOCK, Palmerston, R. R. 3.
Flora—MISS MARY THOMPSON, Harriston.
Lady Asst. Steward—MISS LENA HILL, St. Thomas, R. R. 6.
Auditor—JOHN PRITCHARD, Harriston.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. E. WARDELL, St. Thomas, R. R. 1.
JUDSON AUSTIN, Simcoe, R. R. 5.

REPRESENTATIVES

National Fair Association—W. McCRAE, Guelph.
Western Fair Board—W. E. WARDELL, St. Thomas.

CONVENORS OF COMMITTEES

Legislative—J. Z. FRASER, Burford.
Educational—HARRY PRIEST, Auten Mills.
Forestry—HENRY GLENDENNING, Manilla.
Agriculture—R. A. SUTHERLAND, Stroud.
Horticulture—HARRY PALMER, Port Stanley, R. R. 2.
Constitution—DAWSON KENNEDY, Peterboro.
Good of the Order—J. R. MCKAY, Kincardine.
Home Economics—MISS M. MURDOCK, Palmerston.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

J. Z. FRASER, Burford.
H. B. COWAN, Peterboro.
R. C. BRANDON, Cannington.

DOMINION GRANGE OF CANADA

Organized June 2nd, 1874

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

First Day

Toronto, December 15th, 1919

The Dominion Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, convened in the 45th annual Session and was opened in the fourth degree by Worthy Past Master W. F. W. Fisher at 2.30 p.m., owing to the unavoidable delay of the Worthy Master, J. C. Dixon, by a late train.

The following officers assisted:

Worthy Observer—Howard Bertram, Midhurst.

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hattie Robinson, St. Thomas.

Worthy Chaplain—Wm. McCrae, Guelph.

Worthy Lecturer—John Pritchard, Harriston.

Worthy Steward—W. E. Wardell, St. Thomas.

Worthy Asst. Steward—Harry Palmer, Port Stanley.

Worthy Gatekeeper—Harry Priest, Auten Mills.

Worthy Ceres—Miss Jessie Murdock, Palmerston.

Worthy Flora—Miss Mary Thompson, Harriston.

Worthy Pomona, Miss M. E. Murdock, Palmerston.

Worthy Lady Assistant Steward—Miss Lena Hill, St. Thomas.

Executive Committee—Judson Austin, Simcoe, W. E. Wardell, St. Thomas.

The roll call was answered by each officer, giving a short address on the duties of that office. These were very interesting and instructive.

The Assistant Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting, 500 copies of which had been printed and distributed. On motion the printed minutes were adopted.

The Worthy Master having arrived, gave an excellent address as follows:

Toronto, December 15th, 1919.

To the Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange, Patrons of Husbandry:

I welcome you to this 45th Annual Meeting of the Dominion Grange with pleasure and pride in looking back over our career as an organization, social, economic and legislative.

We say social, because no other organization, agricultural or otherwise, has stood for the high ideals put forth by the Grange. Economic, because not only do we advocate principles of prosperity, but admonish carefulness as well, that life on the farm may be more attractive and remunerative.

Canada stands in great need of production on the farm and in the factory, the forest, mines and the fishing grounds must give up their wealth in order that our obligations may be honorably discharged, and that Canada remain solvent. Without labor our great natural resources are useless or potential, only, and it is by industrious honest toil that our great possibilities will be converted into tangible wealth and prosperity assured.

This can never be accomplished under present conditions by tying every industry and enterprise in the Dominion down to the eight hour day. The economic and social freedom of the working man must be realized. But in bringing this about, there is no necessity for placing an obstacle in the way

of agricultural and industrial development, that will cripple Canada and make it impossible to compete with older and more firmly established rivals.

There are examples in industry and business where shorter hours can be granted, but it will usually be found that their enterprises are so protected by patent rights or the absence of competition that the short week is easily possible. In some cases, too, an eight hour day is long enough, and in other instances six hours is all an ordinary man should endure, but they ought to be made the exception rather than agriculture and other industries upon which national prosperity primarily depends.

Can an eight hour day be made universal? Yes, an eight hour day on the farm can be made perfectly practical and entirely workable the moment other economic structure of this country is adjusted to the point that farm produce, like other products, shall be paid for on the basis of cost of producing plus a profit. When that time comes it does not matter what the cost of production may be not even how many hours constitute a day's labor on the farm, even two shifts of farm labor may be employed, provided the farmer may charge that labor into the production cost of what he sells. True such a readjustment will mean 30c a quart for milk, two dollars a peck for potatoes, five dollars a bushel for wheat, and butter a dollar a pound, for which figures it is doubtful if the present state of the public mind is wholly prepared. But of the workability of the proposition, there is not the slightest question that the eight hour day can be made universal on the farm as elsewhere if the people are ready to pay the price. They paid it for manufactured products when the mill owner had to go on two labor shifts per day instead of one, due to increasing demands for reduction of working hours. Will they as readily accept the application of the same system on the farm?

Those who have the temerity to advance such a proposition as this must expect to get a liberal dose of condemnation not alone from consumers, but from the farmers themselves, who instantly declare there can never be an eight hour day on the farm.

There is, however, a growing opinion that that is the most unsound position the farmer can possibly take, and that he is injuring his own industry by continuing such protestations. If, on the other hand, farmers would unite in their declaration that they too propose to aim at an eight hour day, and then proceed to organize themselves to a point where they can enforce it, such a move would come nearer to jarring the Canadian people back to a level of common sense than anything else that could possibly happen at present, then it is time for farmers to begin to think along these lines instead of allowing every class to put one over on them, the way it has been done in the past few years. You don't have to agree with this proposition but it is worth a lot of hard thinking about just the same.

Capitalists have formed Trusts and Combines to regulate the price of everything we have to buy and sell, and unless some check is brought against the avarice greed, a few parties will soon control everything on this planet, and the rest of us will be in vassalage.

I believe a brighter day is dawning when the farmers and other industrious classes shall become educated and organized and vote as they feel. Trusts and Combines will have to go out of business, railways will be owned or regulated in the interest of the people. The price of all kinds of production will be regulated by the cost plus the freight and a reasonable amount for interest and handling. Government officials will not get three times as much as they could earn at any other calling and the taxation will be levied equitably according to individual wealth.

Capital is the most powerful agent that a nation or individual can possess, and when properly and judiciously directed is a great blessing and adds greatly to the general prosperity, but when it becomes congested and used for the purpose of cornering and controlling the price of the necessities of life, an injustice is inflicted upon helpless humanity and the evil one could not suggest a greater calamity. It is the duty of all Governments to see that all classes of the community are justly and fairly dealt with, that Trusts, Combines and Monopolies be not allowed to form conspiracies to rob all classes at will without any constraint whatever. Laws must be made to control this monster that is sapping the life blood from our people. I know that is a very difficult problem to solve. Individual rights of property when honestly made must be respected and the use of it at the owner's discretion, else the nation's progress would be retarded, but millionaires who conspires to rob the people of their heritage or deprive the poor of bread should be severely dealt with.

Our greatest need at the present time is a happy, contented, prosperous rural population, and we express our opposition to large standing armies in the time of peace, and any form of compulsory military service. We wage no aggressive warfare against any other interest whatever, on the contrary, all our acts and all our efforts as far as business is concerned are not only for the benefit of the producers and consumers, but also for all other interests that tend to bring these two parties into speedy and economical contact. We long to see the antagonism between capitalists and labour removed by common consent and by enlightened statesmanship.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. DIXON, Master.

Moved by W. F. W. Fisher, seconded by W. E. Wardell, that the Master's address be published in the Proceedings. —Carried Unanimously.

The discussion on the Master's address, in which Bros. Wardell, Sutherland, W. F. W. Fisher, Bertram, McCrae, Pritchard and Dawson Kennedy took part, brought out points showing the farmers were not the profiteers so often represented, and how little is often thought of the work of the women and children in considering the cost of production. Mention of the proud position occupied by the tiller of the soil today in comparison to the times when the comforts of today were being hewn out of the forests by our forefathers. Interspersed with the serious side of the discussion were many amusing and witty stories serving to illustrate the ideas expressed.

The notices of motion given in 1918 were then read:

No. 1 That in the Constitution Amendments of 1909, Claus 3rd, referring to the resuscitation of dormant Granges, this sentence be added:

That when a Grange has become dormant, not reporting to Dominion Grange for ten years or upwards without sending in the Charter and winding up its business, The Dominion Grange be empowered to do so.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and Dormant Granges:

No. 2. That Article III., Section 2, of Constitution shall be amended to read: Twelve persons, four of whom must be women, having signed an application and paid the required fee, shall, if the application be approved, receive the four degrees and be entitled to a charter.

Referred to Committee on Constitution.

Bro. Wm. McCrae gave his report as Representative of The Dominion Grange on the National Fair Association, had attended the Annual Meeting and the banquet and spoke in high terms of the advantages of the permanent fat stock show now in course of organization. His duties were on the Committee of Protests which had been light this year.

W. E. Wardell, Representative on Western Fair Board gave his report stating the fair needed more room and a movement was on foot to secure it. He had been appointed as a judge in the corn section.

J. R. McKay, Manager Ontario Peoples' Salt Co., Kincardine, gave a short report of the work of company and the sale of the preferred stock being quite satisfactory also announced that for the first time in many months the company had salt on hand and could fill orders as soon as sent in. That all needed repairs had been made and that the works were in a better condition than last year.

He spoke at some length on the unclaimed dividends and the legal disposal of them.

The Secretary's report was read by the Assistant which called attention to the supplies on hand, including new rituals, having a joint initiation service for both men and women at 25 cents each, and a limited supply of second hand ones at 10 cents, to replace missing or destroyed copies.

Also books on Entertainment, suitable for meetings, including the interesting play, "How the Grange came to Hard Scrabble Hollow," presented at the National Grange, Grand Rapids, by Vergennes Subordinate Grange.

It was suggested:

That Granges present all candidates with emblem pins at initiation.

That paper and envelopes be furnished free of charge to each Secretary of Subordinate Granges and all Dominion Grange Officers by Dominion Grange.

That each Grange appoint a Press Secretary to forward reports of interesting meetings to Dominion Secretary and local press.

That County Granges be organized whenever possible. All necessary information to be sent on application.

That each member, especially officers, be encouraged to subscribe for National Grange Monthly at 42 cents a year through Dominion Grange Secretary's office.

Moved by Bro. Pritchard, seconded by Bro. Harry Priest that Secretary's Report with suggestions be adopted. —Carried.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Howard, Bertram and John Pritchard Credential and Railway Certificate Committee.

To fill vacancies:

Sister M. E. Murdock was appointed Convenor of Educational Committee in place of Bro. John Stewart of Gorrie, who was unfortunately unable to be present through an accident.

Committee on Agriculture:

Bro. Glendenning, convenor, much to the regret of all and loss to the discussions, being detained at home through illness, the Master appointed Bros. Sutherland, Orchard, Bertram, Carr.

The hour for election of officers for 1920 having arrived, moved by W. F. W. Fisher, seconded by W. E. Wardell a nominating committee be appointed by Master.

Bros. Pritchard, McCrae and Priest were named. Recess was declared, and on resuming the following list was proposed and adopted:

Worthy Master—J. C. Dixon, Moorefield.
 Worthy Overseer—W. F. W. Fisher, Burlington.
 Worthy Secretary Treasurer—Miss Hattie Robinson, St. Thomas.
 Worthy Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Howard Bertram, Midhurst.
 Worthy Chaplain—W. McCrae, Guelph.
 Worthy Lecturer—J. G. Lethbridge, M.L.A., Glencoe.
 Worthy Steward—J. E. Orchard, Minesing.
 Worthy Asst. Steward—Robt. T. Donaldson, Gorrie.
 Worthy Gatekeeper, Charles A. Barnett, Highwater, Quebec.
 Worthy Ceres—Mrs. Wm. Oke, Whitby.
 Worthy Pomona, Miss Mary E. Murdock, Palmerston.
 Worthy Flora, Miss Mary Thompson, Harriston.
 Worthy Lady Assistant Steward—Miss Lena Hill, St. Thomas.
 Auditor—John Pritchard, Harriston.
 Executive Committee—W. E. Wardell, St. Thomas, Judson Austin, St. Thomas.

Representatives:

National Fair Association—W. McCrae, Guelph.
 Western Fair Board—W. E. Wardell, St. Thomas.

Then meeting was then adjourned until 7.30 the hour fixed for the banquet in honor of Hon. C. E. Drury and J. G. Lethbridge, M.L.A.

December 15th, Evening.

The large blue room of the Carls Rite Hotel adjoining the smaller one fitted up as a Grange by the courtesy of the Management had been arranged as a banquetting hall to do honor to the Past Masters of whom there have been twenty-one during the long period of its existence, 45 years, one third of whom were present and added to evening's enjoyment by their able and sometimes humorous addresses.

The Worthy Master J. C. Dixon, occupied the head of the table with Hon. E. C. Drury, Mrs. Drury, J. G. Lethbridge and Mrs. Lethbridge. Posts of honor were also held by the Worthy Overseer, Howard Bertram, and the Worthy Chaplain, W. McCrae, who at a sign from the Master asked the blessing of God not only on the present assemblage, but on the Grange, the Government and the Empire.

After the forty-one guests had done due justice to the delicious and satisfying menu, the worthy master in a few well chosen words introduced the speakers to each toast expressing his pleasure in presiding over such a distinguished and notable gathering and called on the members to honor the King which they did by rising and in good voice singing the National Anthem.

The Dominion of Canada was responded to by Bro. John Pritchard, speaking eloquently of the immense resources with only a handful of people to handle the business of the country, said if Canada were going through a period of stress she had not nearly the same trouble that beset other nations in the reconstructive period.

Reviewing the political situation pointed out that while no governments could have been expected to do much in wartimes yet the farmers did feel more could have been done if men of the calibre of our guests had been in office. If our inexperienced forefathers could come into this new country and make of it the success it has become, is there any reason why our inexperienced Legislature should not be able to do likewise?

In closing said, "I look forward in great hope for this country of ours. What we want is thrift, economy and industry. If we practise these virtues soon the political, social and economic life of our country will be improved and we will have a better Canada."

The toast of the Old Past Masters brought Bro. Dawson Kennedy of Peterboro, to his feet, he having been a member since 1878, and Worthy Master 1894-95, was associated with the late Charles Drury, Jabel Robinson, George Lethbridge, and other parents of those present in establishing the Grange, on a sure and solid foundation, his reminiscences were of double interest. He paid a high tribute to all the old Masters, saying they were no eight hour day men, especially the first Bro. S. W. Hill of Ridgeway, one of the grandest men he ever knew. Speaking of changes, the following is quoted: "When I was a lad the grain was all cut with a sickle, men were paid 50 cents a day or \$96 a year. When the cradle came laboring men declared it should be burned because it was going to rob them of their means of livelihood, but wages went up to 75 cents a day. Then when the reaper came the cry was again raised, "The workers would be left idle," but instead wages went up to \$1.50 per day. Now with machinery of all kinds everywhere, wages are higher than ever before. Eleven weeks passed from the time my grandfather left Ireland until he reached his new home in the woods of Peterboro. Great as were the hardships endured on the journey still greater faced the new settlers in the bush, one of the greatest being the shortage in the settlements of ready money. In closing claimed to be a life-long politician through having driven the Hon. George Brown on a campaign whilst a younster, and an applicable story offered to Premier Drury this suggestion, "Common sense will prove a more efficient weapon of offense and defense in your new office, than all the old-time trickery. The old-line parties would be out to get the Premier, so if you can avoid the pitfalls set for you, you will be all right."

The next toast the National Grange was replied to be W. E. Wardell, he having attended the 53rd Annual Session held in Grand Rapids in November, described in glowing terms the growth, permanence and prosperity of The Grange across the line, the Mother of The Dominion Grange, giving the same ritual and password each year but in other respects independent. He attributed much of their success due to a strict adherence to the beautiful ritualistic work of the founders which culminates in the seventh degree of Ceres. 1607 members, amongst whom has himself took this degree at Grand Rapids. Although only the state Masters and their wives are voting delegates all members are welcome as visitors at some meetings numbering 4,000, principally from Michigan.

He spoke of the good roads movement of Michigan and advocated a good roads policy for the province, that would benefit the many, not the few.

Agriculture was coupled with the name of W. L. Smith, who has moulded the opinions of the farming community through the influence of the press for many years. He spoke briefly of the pioneers in the Grange movement, many now gone to their reward, and the splendid work they had accomplished for Agriculture, standing first and last for the betterment of social conditions on the farm and being the fountain head of inspiration and assistance to all farmers' organizations in the Dominion. He regretted the absence through illness of Henry Glendenning of Manilla, Alfred Gifford of Meaford and William Oke of Whithy, without whom no Grange gathering seemed complete.

The toast to Horticulture was ably spoken to by W. F. W. Fisher of Burlington, Past Worthy Master and efficient Secretary, and to whom the Dominion Grange owes much both past and present.

Bro. Fisher pointed out the importance of the Horticultural interests and the advantages to be derived from planting and caring for fruit and flowers, not only financially, but by developing the highest ideals of home-life. He eulogized the many Horticultural Societies of the cities in their efforts to beautify their surroundings.

The Agricultural Press was championed by Bro. H. B. Cowan, editor of The Farm and Dairy, a paper noted for its integrity and singleness of purpose.

In his address he spoke of the difficulties and dangers to which the press of today faced in comparison to those of earlier times, also the growing cost of capitalizing and managing a newspaper.

W. C. Good, of Paris, one of the later Masters, and director of the U.F.O. Co-operative Company, replied to the toast of co-operation, giving an interesting account of the origin and growth of the Grange, the forerunner of all agricultural co-operation, through the insight and devotion of Oliver H. Kelley of Minnesota and his neice Miss Caroline A. Hall. Reading extracts from books on The History of The Patrons of Husbandry, showing the aims of the movement to be the elevation and education of the manhood and womanhood of the farm, by organizing a secret and fraternal society. This hope of the seven founders has more than been realized, and after 54 years stands as an enduring monument to their memory.

The Toastmaster then called on one of the guests of honor, J. G. Lethbridge, newly elected member for West Middlesex, and associated with the Grange as Secretary and Master of the past.

He said he counted it one of the bright spots in his political associations to meet delegates of the Dominion Grange, also another honor to be associated at the same event with the Premier of the Province, Hon. E. C. Drury, and then speaking to "The Legislature" said, "We have just passed through a Provincial Campaign and a great source of pleasure to me was the wonderful interest taken in it by the young men and women, that, even if personally I had failed, much had been accomplished in interesting the youth in public affairs. Another great achievement is that we have learned to trust one another especially along political lines by eradicating many of the old party differences."

He congratulated the farm press on the good work done for the Farmers' Party and today do not find much antagonism on the part of the Press of the Province, for present Legislature seems to have the confidence of the great majority of the people. I believe that this is the day of the common working man as opposed to the big financial interests. I know we have a Legislature devoid of all partisan trickery, fresh from the soil and we have a leader of whom we are proud, who has made it plain to the people that it is not class legislation we are going to give this province, but that which will benefit the whole.

It is perhaps unfortunate at this inopportune time we have not a few more members to carry on with more surety, but I am inclined to think we will have sufficient backing and have confidence in the laboring class to stand by us so that we can give clean Legislation. The Farmer's movement is part of The Forward Movement going on everywhere, and although the farmers generally had nothing particularly against the Hearst government, only they realized that as the great basic industry, they were not adequately represented.

The last toast, to "The Premier," the Hon. E. C. Drury, was received with cheers. Not only had Bro. Drury occupied the chair for two years, but it was during his tenure of office in 1909, and chiefly through his executive ability, that influential Association known as The Canadian National Council of Agriculture had been formed.

On rising he spoke briefly on the many organizations inspired and often assisted by The Grange and the debt The United Farmers owed to The Grange which was the forerunner of all later institutions, some short lived but all helping to educate the farmer to do things as each profits by the experiences and mistakes of the other. He jokingly referred to the patrons of Industry as the little daughter and The United Farmers as the lusty son of The Grange. "The old Grange holds a great place in my affections," said the Premier. There need be no jealousy between The Grange and The United Farmers of Ontario, each having the same aim, the bettering of conditions of agriculture, but carried on in different lines.

Discussing the policy of the Government, the Premier spoke on The Road Policy, saying that the revenue from motor cars should be expended on highways, that part should be used on those serving the great body of the people. It should include three things:

1st.—The abandonment of the expensive truck highways, retaining the road and improving it into a decent running road.

2nd.—Spreading out the Provincial roads where they would do the greatest good to the greatest number. By spending money available on the whole road system and giving aid to county roads.

3rd.—To give assistance to township roads.

There was a need of market roads throughout the country, not a concentration on a few of them but a spread of roads all over the Province.

Speaking to the Educational needs said—"The fault of the present system was that there was too much regulation. The parents should have some say in the schools of their section and the teachers and inspectors feel they could show initiative and originality without breaking the rules.

On international relations he said—I believe one of the things we should work for is good will between this country and the one to the south of us. We must frown on anyone so wicked as to stir up passions between us. Such a thing has been done in the past by politicians for their own ends. "It is part of my religion to do all in my power to cultivate good relations between Canada and the United States. We want that boundary kept without gun or fort—not now, but forever."

With the National Anthem the meeting adjourned until the morning.

Tuesday Morning, December 16th, 9 a.m.

Grange resumed its labors with the Worthy Master, J. C. Dixon in the chair.

It was moved by Sister Robinson, seconded by Brother Donaldson that whereas according to the amended Constitution, male members of dormant Granges and others on application may become "Members at large," of the Dominion Grange on payment of annual fee of one dollar, females may become members on the same terms, on payment of annual fee of 50 cents.
—Carried Unanimously.

Bro. John Pritchard, auditor, presented his report with Secretary's annual financial statment, which, on motion were adopted as read:

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Toronto, December 16, 1919

Cash on hand last audit	\$ 175.47
Total receipts for year	411.51
Amount paid out, including five preferred shares in salt well Kincardine.	255.33
Balance on hand	156.18

I have examined the Financial Statement and find it satisfactory.

JOHN PRITCHARD,

Auditor, Harriston.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Balance, 1918	\$ 175.47
Dues and charter	203.38
Subscriptions for N. G. Monthly	5.88
Donation towards printing	8.00
Advertising in Proceedings	5.00
Supplies and Rituals sold	\$ 13.78
Total	\$ 411.51

Expenditure

Railway Fares, delegates 1918	\$ 90.35
Five Shares in People's Salt Well, Kincardine	90.15
Printing 500 copies proceedings	33.25
Printing circulars and cards, 1919 meeting	3.75
Stamps, Secretary's office	6.00
Michigan State Grange, Rituals and Books	10.45
Bainbridge and Co., Syracuse, Pins and buttons	5.50
1000 Envelopes and paper and printing same	10.00
Subscriptions, Grange National Monthly	5.88

Total

Balance, cash on hand

N.E.BURTON, Secretary-Treasurer.

HATTIE ROBINSON, Assistant.

RECEIPTS, DUES AND FEES TO DECEMBER 31, 1919

Subordinate Granges and Members at Large

No.		
68	Howick, W. R., Hastie, R. R. 1, Gorrie, Ont.	\$15.00
77	Forest Rose, W. Pranglin, R. R. 7, St. Thomas	6.20
77	Forest Rose, W. G. Blewett, R. R. 6, St. Thomas,	12.35
108	Union, Mrs. William Oke, Whitby, Ont.	3.50
126	Minnesing, Harry Priest, Auten Mills,	24.00
146	Painswick, Edward Carr, Allandale	25.00
147	Norfolk, Judson Austin, Simcoe, Ont.	13.00
153	Edgar, Howard Bertram, Midhurst,	17.00
166	Apple Grove, George Carroll, R. R. 1, St. Thomas	42.21
200	Burlington, H. J. Dynes, Burlington	3.50
236	Ninth Line, S. Zurbrigg, Gorrie, Ont.	11.00
273	Eldorado, R. Ruthven, Clarksburg	2.50
599	Maitland, Miss M. Thomson, Harriston	11.00
624	Dufferin, Warren Evans, R. R. 1, Aylmer	7.00
1003	Missisquoi Valley, Chas. E. Barnett, Highwater, Quebec	12.72
	Members at large, Col. J. Z. Fraser	1.00
	Henry Glendenning, Manilla	1.00

Robert Brandon, Cannington	1.00
Alfred Gifford, Meaford	1.00
Dawson Kennedy, Peterboro	1.00
William McCrae, Guelph	1.00
J. C. Dixon, Moorefield	1.00
R. A. Sutherland, Stroud	1.00
H. W. Stickney, Vittoria	1.00
Hon. E. C. Drury, Barrie	1.00
Mrs. Drury, Barry50
J. G. Lethbridge, M. L. A., Glencoe	1.00
Mrs. Lethbridge, Glencoe50

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

*Report of Committee on Education, given by Miss M. E. Murdock,
Convener of Committee*

We are appealing for an increased interest in matters pertaining to education. This is a subject that should be of vital importance to all.

The present *system* has tended to discourage our interest in the local school, as every detail is managed from the central office.

We would advocate a form of consolidation of schools in which two, three or four sections could have a graded school with a resident staff. This would not make the school too remote to anyone that its value as a social centre would be lessened. Also, the problem of transportation would not be as difficult as it would be if the section were larger.

We would advocate medical inspection of pupils in the rural school, followed by such treatment as deemed necessary.

We recommend hot lunches for the pupils, at least during the winter months; also a supervised noon hour.

The Education Committee's report was fully discussed by Bros. Kennedy, Priest, Lethbridge and the Master, and on motion adopted and ordered sent to the Minister of Education.

The Agricultural Report, presented by Brother Carr of Allandale, dealing with the different kinds of clover seed and explaining fully the advantages and disadvantages of sweet clover, but recommending its introduction to a limited extent, but must be cut green for good feed. The report also dealt with the silage of different products. Growing sweet clover for seed and the difficulties of threshing were discussed, bringing out the fact that one of the committee, Bro. Sutherland of Stroud, was working on a scheme for its improvement. On motion of Bros. Carr and Orchard, report adopted.

CONSTITUTION REPORT

Bro. Donaldson gave the report of the committee appointed to deal with the motions re changing constitution.

Recommended that the first one re dormant granges should not be adopted without legal advice.

That the second, amending the Constitution, Article III, Section 2, to read "twelve persons, four of whom must be women having signed an application, etc.," be adopted.

R. T. DONALDSON.
W. McCRAE
JUDSON AUSTIN
DAWSON KENNEDY

After discussion, was adopted as recommended.

Report on dormant granges, brought in by J. R. McKay, advising that every effort possible be brought to bear to reorganize or to finally wind up the affairs of all dormant granges. Not only in the interests of the members of those granges, but for the People's Salt Well, many granges now dormant having unclaimed dividends.

This report was fully discussed by all present and on motion referred to the Executive Committee to act upon.

Miss Robinson, one of the fraternal delegates to the National Grange held in Grand Rapids, gave a report of her visit, illustrated by pictures and photos, telling of the welcome extended to the National Grange by the city, and by the State of Michigan, as evidenced by the banners, decorated windows, receptions, banquets and free rides to places of interest. The attendance was so large that most of the sessions were held in the Armories, the largest audience room in Grand Rapids. The number of candidates was so great for the seventh degree of Ceres that it had to be given twice in the opera house. The Master Oliver Wilson's address was a masterly oration as were the reports of the officers, and from each. State Master, giving the work accomplished during the year. It is a great privilege and education to attend the National Grange, and all Canadians are most heartily welcomed and given seats of honor.

An invitation from Gompers to the National Grange to send delegates to the conference in Washington was expected by outsiders to cause dissension, but such is the diplomacy and tact shown by our United States brothers and sisters that after an able discussion of a whole afternoon a short message was unanimously sent declining acceptance. As the National Grange was instrumental in inaugurating rural free delivery the officers were invited to dedicate a monument made of one stone from each farm on the first rural route. The memorial service Sunday afternoon was very impressive. Business is combined with pleasure and along with lengthy debates on all the questions of the day and resolutions framed by congress there was still time to enjoy a play put on by a Michigan subordinate grange and to receive instructions in the fraternal work of the Order, thus binding the members more closely together.

Next year, 1920, "The Tricentennial of The Pilgrims," the National Grange will be held in Massachussetts. As there will no doubt be cheaper rates many should attend from Dominion Grange.

Bro. John Pritchard presented a well thought out reconstruction policy as follows:

"Be it resolved that whereas we as a people have been passing through a time of stress following the devastating years of the war; and whereas our national debt has been increased to an alarming extent, while we as a people are passing rich, indulging in all sorts of extravagance on borrowed capital;

"We are now facing the problem of reconstruction.

"We believe that the essential thing is to exercise thrift, industry and economy in our individual as well as our national life, producing to the utmost of our ability until we have enough for home demands and in a position to export a surplus to other countries thereby obtaining wealth necessary to pay off our liabilities as a country."

On motion the report was adopted as read.

It was moved by Bro. Pritchard, seconded by Bro. Carr, that a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation be given to the proprietor, manager and assistants of the Carls Rite Hotel for their courtesy and kindness during the annual meeting, especially in granting this comfortable room free of charge.
—Carried unanimously.

The installation of officers was duly proceeded with under the direction of Past Master J. G. Lethbridge; Installing Officer, Sister Hattie Robinson, and Assistant, Bro. Harry Palmer, after which the 45th Annual Meeting of the Dominion Grange was closed in due form at noon.

FOREWORD TO SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES

A great deal of the success of The Dominion Grange depends upon you. If possible, never miss a meeting of your Grange during your term of office.

Be prompt in answering all communications.

See that each family of your Grange receives a copy of these proceedings.

Many of the old proceedings contain the constitution and other useful information. Make a file of those. Some may be obtained from your members. Send list of those you have. When possible we will supply missing numbers.

Kindly send at once names and addresses of Master and Lecturer of your Grange.

HATTIE ROBINSON, Secretary-Treasurer Dominion Grange.

PROGRAM HINTS

Debates are usually interesting. Suggested subjects:

"Greater influences; which—fear of punishment or hope of reward?"

"Would the metric system be a benefit to us?"

"Should one half a farmer's property be in his wife's name?"

"Resolved, that the profits of poultry belong to the women."

"Should there be one purse on a farm? If so, which one carries it?"

"Should business men place advertisements on trees, etc?"

"Resolved, that cold storage is better than immediate selling."

"Are women better financiers than men?"

"Are the young men of today better able to cope with labor and business than those of 50 years ago?"

"Resolved, that rubber is of more benefit to the farmer than iron."

Roll calls made a diversion.

Subjects like these with one minute answers:

"How much work should the average child do out of school hours for best development?"

"What publications should enter the average farm home?"

"What medicines should always be on hand for emergencies?"

"If not yourself, who would you rather be? Why?"

"If not satisfied with your own farm, whose would you like? Why?"

"Name your favorite childhood game, book, song."

"If you were building another home, what changes would you make?"

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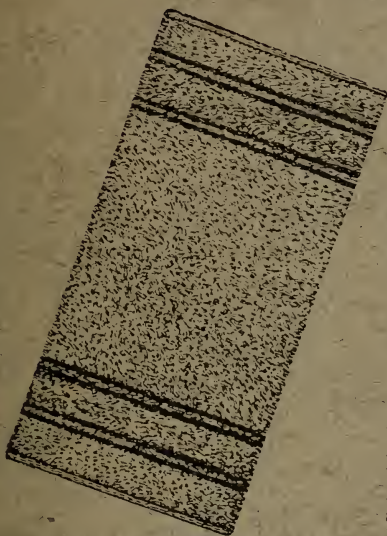
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